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For: PRODUCTION METHOD FOR POWDER COATING, POWDER COATING  
AND PAINT FILM FORMATION METHOD

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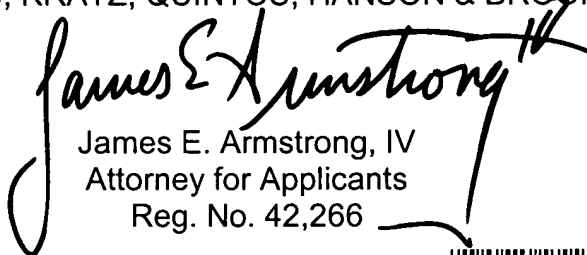
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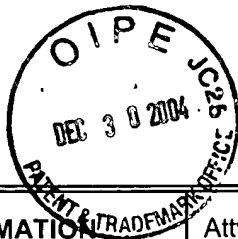
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